



Town of Groton, Connecticut

Meeting Agenda

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Town Council

Mayor Harry A. Watson, Councilors Peter J. Bartinik, Jr., Natalie Burfoot Billing, Heather Sherman Bond, Catherine Kolnaski, Frank O'Beirne, Jr., Paulann H. Sheets, Thomas J. Skrmetti, and Elissa T. Wright.

Tuesday, May 18, 2004

7:30 PM

Town Hall Annex - Community Room 1

REGULAR MEETING

I. ROLL CALL

II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

III. RECOGNITION, AWARDS & MEMORIALS

2004-0165 Proclamation Honoring Trudie Sheak

Proclamation - TC

IV. CITIZENS' PETITIONS, COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

This is the portion of the Council Agenda where the Council welcomes comments from citizens. Each presentation should be limited to ten minutes or less, and citizens should, if possible, submit written comments. Presentations should be related to matters pertinent to Groton. Town Councilors will only ask questions in order to clarify the speaker's presentation and can respond during the Responses to Citizens' Petitions portion of the Town Council meeting. Citizens should make their presentations from the lectern and state their names and addresses for the record.

V. RESPONSES TO CITIZENS' PETITIONS, COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed under Item VI (Consent Calendar) are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion. No separate discussion of these items will take place, unless cause is shown prior to the time Council votes on the motion to adopt.

a. Approval of Minutes

2004-0173 Approval of Minutes (Town Council)

Resolution - Consent

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Town Council of May 4, 2004 are hereby accepted and approved.

b. Deletions from the Town Council Referral List

2004-0118 Establishment of Groton Juvenile Review Board

Referral

2004-0158 Grant for Expanded DUI Enforcement

Referral

2004-0160 Return Check Fee

Referral

2004-0166 Appointment of Michael Meyer to the Housing Authority

Referral

2004-0167 Authorization of Permanent School Building Committee for Fitch High School Project

Referral

2004-0168 Authorization of Permanent School Building Committee for New Elementary School at King Property

Referral

2004-0169 Authorization of Permanent School Building Committee for New Elementary School at Freeman Hathaway

Referral

2004-0170	Establishment of a Groton Long Point Committee	Referral
2004-0171	Introduction/Setting Public Hearing on Ordinance Dissolving First Taxing District	Referral
2004-0172	Introduction/Setting Public Hearing on Ordinance Dissolving Second Taxing District	Referral
2004-0174	Selection of Design Consultants for School Building Projects	Referral

c. Special Trust Fund Contributions

2004-0159	Contributions to Special Trust Funds	Resolution - Consent
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RESOLUTION ACCEPTING CONTRIBUTIONS TO SPECIAL TRUST FUNDS

RESOLVED, that the Town Council hereby accepts contributions to the Town as follows:

Mystic Congregational Church - \$200.00 - Senior Center Discretionary
Connie Ringstad - \$60.00 - Dog Pound
John and Myin Comiskey - \$200.00 - Dog Pound
Various Donations - \$46.53 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
J. Donald & Jean Simpson - \$30.00 - Social Services Discretionary
William May - \$50.00 - Social Services Discretionary
Donation in Memory of Ruth Ficken - \$10.00 - Senior Center Discretionary
Senior Center Performing Groups - \$70.00 - Senior Center Discretionary
Various Donations - \$23.00 - Jabez Smith House

VII. COMMUNICATION REPORTS (Other than Committee Reports)

- a. Town Councilors
- b. Representative Town Meeting
- c. Clerk of the Council
- d. Town Manager
- e. Town Attorney

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Community & Cultural Development - Chairman Billing
- b. Economic Development - Chairman Bond
- c. Education/Health & Social Services - Chairman Kolnaski
- d. Environment & Recreation - Chairman Sheets
- e. Finance - Chairman Wright
- f. Personnel/Appointments/Rules - Chairman O'Beirne
- g. Public Safety - Chairman Skrmetti
- h. Public Works - Chairman Bartinik
- i. Committee of the Whole - Mayor Watson

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

X. NEW BUSINESS**2004-0118 Establishment of Groton Juvenile Review Board****Referral****RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR A JUVENILE REVIEW BOARD**

WHEREAS, the Groton Town and City Police, the Groton Youth Advisory Council, and Groton Public School Officials have voiced their support for a Groton Juvenile Review Board, and

WHEREAS, the goal of the Juvenile Review Board will be to divert identified youth from the juvenile justice system and provide assistance to local police in the handling of juvenile offenders through a coordinated community response, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Groton Department of Human Services has expressed the interest and ability, utilizing existing staff and resources, to accept referrals on behalf of the Juvenile Review Board and to maintain the confidential files, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Groton Town Council supports the formation of a Groton Juvenile Review Board, for which Groton Human Services will receive and process juvenile offense referrals and maintain the Board's confidential files.

Legislative History

3/16/04	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Education/Health & Social Services Committee
3/23/04	Town Council Education/Health & Social Services Committee	Recommended for a Resolution	
4/6/04	Town Council	Re-referred	Town Council Committee of the Whole
<i>Councilor Wright read the resolution and moved to refer back to Committee of the Whole. She voiced concerns regarding State Statute authorization and enabling legislation for establishment of Juvenile Review Boards.</i>			
4/6/04	Town Council	Re-referred	Town Council Committee of the Whole
5/11/04	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	

2004-0158 Grant for Expanded DUI Enforcement**Referral****RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GRANT APPLICATION FOR EXPANDED DUI ENFORCEMENT**

WHEREAS, prevention of driving under the influence of alcohol during holiday weekends requires supplemental funding from outside the Town budget, and

WHEREAS, the Groton Town Police intend to conduct 20 additional vehicle detection patrols and two sobriety checkpoints, and

WHEREAS, the Connecticut Department of Transportation's Division of Highway Safety distributes federal grant funds for the reimbursement of overtime and related employee benefit costs, and

WHEREAS, the Town's 30% matching share of the costs of these efforts has already been provided in the regular budgets for the period from Memorial Day to Independence Day, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Manager may apply for a DUI enforcement grant sufficient to cover seasonal DUI enforcement spending for a total of \$18,700.

Legislative History

5/3/04	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Finance Committee
5/11/04	Town Council Finance Committee	Recommended for a Resolution	

2004-0160 Return Check Fee Referral**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE IN RETURNED CHECK FEES**

WHEREAS, in September 1993 the Town Council authorized a \$15 fee to be charged on returned checks; and

WHEREAS, a recent survey demonstrates that based on returned check fees charged by area banks and surrounding municipalities, a higher fee is warranted;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Groton Town Council authorizes a \$20 fee to be charged on checks returned by a bank for non-payment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said policy shall take effect June 1, 2004.

Legislative History

5/6/04	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Finance Commi
5/11/04	Town Council Finance Committee	Recommended for a Resolution	

2004-0166 Appointment of Michael Meyer to the Housing Authority Referral**RESOLUTION APPOINTING MICHAEL B. MEYER TO THE HOUSING AUTHORITY**

RESOLVED, that Michael B. Meyer, 18 New London Road, Mystic, is appointed to the Groton Housing Authority for a term ending 7/31/06.

Legislative History

5/11/04	Town Council	Recommended for a Resolution
	Personnel/Appointments/Rules/Legislation Committee	

2004-0167 Authorization of Permanent School Building Committee for Fitch High School Project Referral**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PERMANENT SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE TO OVERSEE THE PROJECT TO RENOVATE AND EXPAND FITCH HIGH SCHOOL**

WHEREAS, a public referendum has been approved to renovate and expand Fitch High School and,

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut requires the appointment of an oversight committee for this project, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Permanent School Building Committee is hereby authorized to act as the Building Committee for this project.

Legislative History

5/11/04	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution
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2004-0168 Authorization of Permanent School Building Committee for New Elementary School at King Property Referral**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PERMANENT SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE TO OVERSEE THE PROJECT TO CONSTRUCT A NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AT THE KING PROPERTY**

WHEREAS, elementary school facilities have been determined to be inadequate by the Groton Board of Education and, a public referendum has been approved to construct a new elementary school on the King property and,

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut requires the appointment of an oversight committee for this

project, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Permanent School Building Committee is hereby authorized to act as the Building Committee for this project.

Legislative History

5/11/04 Town Council Committee of Recommended for a
the Whole Resolution

**2004-0169 Authorization of Permanent School Building Committee Referral
for New Elementary School at Freeman Hathaway**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PERMANENT SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE TO OVERSEE THE PROJECT TO CONSTRUCT A NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ON THE FREEMAN HATHAWAY PROPERTY

WHEREAS, a public referendum has been approved to construct a new elementary school on the Freeman Hathaway property in the northeast area of Groton and,

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut requires the appointment of an oversight committee for this project, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Permanent School Building Committee is hereby authorized to act as the Building Committee for this project.

Legislative History

5/11/04 Town Council Committee of Recommended for a
the Whole Resolution

2004-0170 Establishment of a Groton Long Point Committee Referral

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A COMMITTEE CONCERNING GROTON LONG POINT

WHEREAS, the Town Council and officials of the Groton Long Point Association have undertaken several meetings, along with extensive legal research, concerning the legal status of Groton Long Point, and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of all parties to assure that cooperative and supportive relations can exist between the two civic entities, for the benefit of all residents the Town of Groton, including Groton Long Point, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that a special Committee on Groton Long Point shall be established, consisting of three members of the Town Council appointed by the Mayor and three members appointed by the Groton Long Point Association, such committee to be supported by appropriate staff from both entities.

Legislative History

5/11/04 Town Council Committee of Recommended for a
the Whole Resolution

**2004-0171 Introduction/Setting Public Hearing on Ordinance Referral
Dissolving First Taxing District**

RESOLUTION INTRODUCING AND SETTING PUBLIC HEARING DATE ON ORDINANCE DISSOLVING THE FIRST TAXING DISTRICT

RESOLVED, a public hearing is hereby scheduled on the "ORDINANCE DISSOLVING THE FIRST TAXING DISTRICT" at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 15, 2004 in Community Room No. 1 at the Town Hall Annex, Groton Long Point.

Legislative History

5/11/04 Town Council Finance Recommended for a
Committee Resolution

2004-0172 Introduction/Setting Public Hearing on Ordinance Referral
Dissolving Second Taxing District

RESOLUTION INTRODUCING AND SETTING PUBLIC HEARING DATE ON ORDINANCE DISSOLVING THE SECOND TAXING DISTRICT

RESOLVED, a public hearing is hereby scheduled on the "ORDINANCE DISSOLVING THE SECOND TAXING DISTRICT" at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 15, 2004 in Community Room No. 1 at the Town Hall Annex, Groton Long Point.

Legislative History

5/11/04 Town Council Finance Recommended for a
Committee Resolution

2004-0174 Selection of Design Consultants for School Building Referral
Projects

RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE SELECTION OF DESIGN CONSULTANTS FOR SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECTS

WHEREAS, three major school construction projects are being assigned to the Permanent School Building Committee simultaneously, and

WHEREAS, the Town Council has been advised, and agrees, to take steps that would begin to advance all three projects promptly, and

WHEREAS, the Town's Department of Public Works has primary responsibility to provide for the design and completion of such projects, and

WHEREAS, the Director of Public Works, the Superintendent of Schools and the Manager of Facilities for the Groton Public Schools, have requested authorization to obtain consulting and design services for all three school projects by the means of Qualification Based Selection (QBS), now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Manager and the Department of Public Works may contract for design consultant services, including architects and related engineering services, for all three school projects that have been authorized by referendum, by the method known as Qualification Based Selection.

Legislative History

5/11/04 Town Council Committee of Recommended for a
the Whole Resolution

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

XII. ADJOURNMENT